



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4331**  
Koji YANAI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1611  
Serial No. 09/990,385 : Group Art Unit 1652  
Filed November 23, 2001 : Examiner R. G. Hutson

$\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE AND ITS GENE, METHOD  
OF ISOLATING  $\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE GENE,  
SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING  $\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE,  
AND  $\beta$ -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE VARIANT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1652**

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 30, 2004, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.